

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 and 15-17 remain in this application. Claims 12-14 and 18 are canceled herein, without prejudice. The Applicant respectfully reserves the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications.

In the outstanding Official Action, restriction is required as between claims 1-11 and 15-17 and claims 12-14 and 18. Applicant elects claims 1-11 and 15-17, for an examination on the merits.

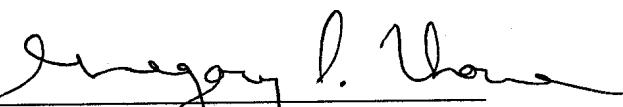
In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to

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submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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